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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Bacterial Outbreak at Marine Corps Boot Camp Abates

(U) A military medical team is making progress against a bacterial outbreak at the Marine Corps' boot camp in San Diego. On 3 November officials announced that 69 troops at both Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the boot camp's training facilities at Edson Range at Camp Pendleton were being treated for symptoms linked to bacterial exposure. Most patients appear to be suffering from Shiga toxin-producing E.coli bacteria.

SOURCE: 3 November 2017, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) San Francisco – 'Russian Trolls' Promoted California Independence

(U) Social media accounts with ties to Russia pushed a large Twitter trend in favor of an independent California on election night 2016, according to BBC Trending. The campaign was one of at least two popular online independence drives with links to the Kremlin. There are also indications that the election night #Calexit trend, which was mentioned 100,000 times in the course of a few hours, was artificially driven by automated bots of fake accounts.

SOURCE: 4 November 2017, [BBC](#)

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(U) Florida – Sexually-Transmitted Zika Case Confirmed in Miami-Dade

(U) Miami – A sexually-transmitted case of Zika in Miami-Dade County has been confirmed—the country's first for the year. It appears the individual contracted the mosquito-borne illness from their partner, who travelled to several areas where Zika transmission could occur. One of those places was Cuba, where there is ongoing active transmission of Zika.

SOURCE: 13 October 2017, [NBC 6](#)

(U) Nevada – Las Vegas Killer had Money Troubles Prior to Attack

(U) Las Vegas – Las Vegas mass shooter Stephen C. Paddock, a high-stakes gambler who once boasted of wagering as much as \$1 million in a single night, had "lost a significant amount of wealth" in the two years prior to last month's shooting, according to law enforcement. Sheriff Joseph Lombardo described Paddock as a narcissist and "status-driven" and said his financial decline "may have had a determining effect on why he decided to do what he did."

SOURCE: 5 November 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) New York – ISIS Says New York Truck Attacker is 'Caliphate Soldier'

(U) New York City – ISIS has claimed responsibility for a truck attack last week that killed eight people in the deadliest assault on New York City since 11 September 2001. The terrorist group described Sayfullo Saipov as "one of the caliphate soldiers" in a weekly issue of its Al-Naba Newspaper. Saipov told investigators he was inspired by watching ISIS propaganda videos on his cellphone, felt good about what he has done, and asked for permission to display an ISIS flag in his hospital room.

SOURCE: 2 November 2017, [Reuters](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Texas – Ex-Army Recruiter Who Sent Weapons to Cartel Gets Prison**

(U) San Antonio – A former Army sergeant has been sentenced to nearly 17 years in federal prison for funneling numerous assault rifles to operatives of Mexico's Gulf Cartel last year by organizing other soldiers to help him buy the weapons. Julian Prezas, 37, pleaded guilty in December of five counts of lying on federal firearms forms and one count of attempting to export defense articles to Mexico.

SOURCE: 3 November 2017, [San Antonio Express-News](#)

(U) Texas – Investigators Look for Motive in Texas Church Shooting

(U) Sutherland Springs – Investigators today scoured the background of the lone gunman who opened fire at a First Baptist Church, searching for answers on a possible motive. Authorities said 26 people were killed and 20 injured in the shooting. Texas officials identified the attacker as Devin Patrick Kelley of New Braunfels, about 35 miles north of Sutherland Springs. Kelly, a 26-year-old former Air Force member, was court-martialed in 2012 and sentenced to a year in military prison for assaulting his spouse and child.

SOURCE: 6 November 2017, [Washington Post](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Iraq – ISIS Pushed from Last Major Stronghold in Iraq**

(U) Qaim – ISIS was pushed from Qaim on 2 November, the terrorist group's last major stronghold in Iraq, according to the office of Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. The news of Qaim's liberation came after the same day that the Syrian military reportedly took back control of Deir Ezzor, the group's last-held city in that country. Qaim is located in the western part of Anbar province, along the Iraq-Syrian border, where ISIS holds the last of its territory.

SOURCE: 3 November 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) Philippines – ISIS-Affiliated Leaders Killed in Southern Philippines

(U) Manila – The armed forces of the Philippines said on 3 November that 36 ISIS-affiliated fighters could still be hiding in Marawi. It has been 11 days since a final victory was announced in the fight against the militants of the Maute group and ISIS. Troops are continuing operations to capture or eliminate rebels entrenched in the city's ruins, and to defuse bombs planted in the city by ISIS insurgents.

SOURCE: 3 November 2017, [Latin American Herald Tribune](#)

(U) Somalia – US Warns of Threat to Diplomatic Staff in Somali Capital

(U) Mogadishu – The United States' diplomatic mission in Somalia has directed all non-essential staff to leave the capital Mogadishu, saying it had received a "specific threat" against its employees. The move came a day after Washington carried out its first air strikes against ISIS militants in the country, in raids it said killed several terrorists. ISIS has been gathering recruits in the region, but remains a smaller group compared to al Shabaab.

SOURCE: 4 November 2017, [Reuters](#)

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